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- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
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- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).


ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Response with respect to Notice of Allowance
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
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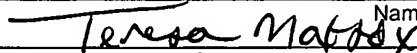
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RULE 312 AMENDMENT AND COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 15, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following Rule 312 amendment and to consider the comments on The Statement for Reasons for Allowance.

The Examiner has indicated that the claims in the above referenced case are allowable because the prior art of record does not teach a level of an integrated circuit comprising "a core area having an exact 25 μm^2 area and a peripheral area having an exact 25 μm^2 area". It is Applicants position and understanding that

claims 4-10 do not require that the core area have an exact 25 μm^2 area and that the peripheral area have an exact 25 μm^2 area.

It is Applicants understanding and position that claims 4-5 claim an integrated circuit which has a core area and a peripheral area, and wherein a 25 μm^2 area of the core area has a substantially or similar feature density of an adjacent 25 μm^2 area of the peripheral area.

Additionally, it is Applicants position and understanding that claims 6-10 claim an integrated circuit which has a first 25 μm^2 area and an adjacent second 25 μm^2 area wherein the second 25 μm^2 area has a plurality of dummy features which makes the feature density in the second 25 μm^2 area substantially similar to the active feature density in the first 25 μm^2 area.